

Congressional Record

United States of America

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 109^{th} congress, second session

Vol. 152

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

No. 38

Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President protempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord, we wait for You and in Your Word do we place our hope. Help us never to run ahead of You. Quiet our doubts and calm our fears as You remind us that many things are better left to You.

Challenge our lawmakers today to put their trust and hope in You. Encourage them with the fact that You know their works and their motives. Help them to know that You will guide them with Your providence if they will only seek Your will in all things.

Open all of our eyes to Your presence among us in the kind deeds and generous acts that we encounter along life's journey. Let Your grace transform us and Your mercy keep us on the path of faithfulness.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the remaining 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we begin with a 60-minute period for morning business, with that time equally divided. Following morning business, we will return to the debate on S. 2454, the border security bill. The consent agreement from yesterday provides that the time until 12 noon be equally divided for debate only.

At noon, Chairman Specter will be here to offer an amendment. There will then be a period for general debate until 5 p.m. this afternoon.

Today Senators should have the opportunity to offer amendments, and I hope we can debate and vote on some of those amendments. Today is only Thursday, and we will be working today and tomorrow on this bill, and I think we can make good progress over the course of this week. I encourage Members to get their amendments ready and contact the managers when they are prepared to get into a lineup to offer their amendments.

We expect votes today on the border security bill, and I will be working with the Democratic leader and the two bill managers to set up a vote as early as possible this afternoon.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, has the Chair announced morning business?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair has announced morning business.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the first 20 minutes would be yielded to the Senator from Colorado, Mr. SALAZAR.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I see the Senator from Louisiana. It is my understanding she and Senator Kerry need 10 minutes.

How much time does the Senator from Louisiana need?

Ms. LANDRIEU. Ten minutes.

Mr. REID. OK. So 20 minutes to Senator Salazar and 10 minutes to Senator Landrieu.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Colorado.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise this morning to speak in support of the immigration reform bill which has been produced out of our Judiciary Committee. I wish to first congratulate Senator Specter and Senator Leahy for their leadership in that effort in the Judiciary Committee. I also wish to congratulate all of my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, who have come together in support of this historic measure that is now before the Senate.

I believe this measure truly represents the kind of bipartisan spirit that leads to the best policy creation for our country. I am also proud of the eight sponsors of the McCain-Kennedy bill, including Senator McCain and Senator Graham, Senator Brownback, Senator Martinez, Senator Kennedy, Senator Lieberman, and Senator Obama, who came together and have led part of the effort to make sure we address comprehensive immigration reform this year.

I believe these bipartisan success stories establish the kind of civility we need to have in the Senate to be able to address the major issues that affect our

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

